



DELAWARE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Teachers' Advisory Council Meeting Highlights

January 6, 2020

Collette, 4:30 pm

Welcome

Secretary of Education welcomed the 24 participants to the second of the 2019-20 school year's four Teachers' Advisory Council meetings, reiterated the Department's gratitude for their agreeing to represent their districts and charter schools, and thanked them for their willingness to serve as educational "ambassadors," who serve as liaisons between DDOE and their respective staffs.

Minutes

Dr. Bunting provided time for meeting participants to review the November 18, 2019 Teacher Advisory Council minutes. Kim Weber from Caesar Rodney's Welch Elementary motioned to accept the minutes. Kathy Gormley from Red Clay's Highland Elementary seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Delaware's Balanced Assessment System

The meeting featured Dr. Theresa Bennett's presentation of the state's balanced assessment system. Topics covered included Balanced Assessment Models, NWEA/Smarter Balanced, SBAC Resources and Interim Use, States Using CCSS and SBAC, Innovative Assessments, and an Appendix with additional pertinent information including NAEP and SAT comparisons. Council members posed reflective questions, engaged in related discussion, and completed a four-block feedback sheet.

Updates

Dr. Bunting provided updates regarding the upcoming Legislative season, both the budget calendar and an FY21 education budget overview, the Redding Consortium's work, and the Teacher Recruitment and Retention Subcommittee's focus. Relatedly, she assigned meeting participants the "homework" of brainstorming and returning in March prepared to expand the list of feasible recruiting and retention ideas.

Next Meeting

The calendar of 2019-2020 meeting dates indicates that the next Council meeting will be held on March 9, 2020 at Collette from 4:30 - 6:00 pm.

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